

TENNESSEE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE MINUTES

DATE: May 7, 2009
TIME: 9:00 a.m., CST
LOCATION: Poplar Room, Ground Floor
227 French Landing
Heritage Place – MetroCenter
Nashville, TN 37247

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Teresa Housteau, LCSW, Chair
Beverly Esposito, LCSW, Secretary
Pamela Sams, LCSW
Sheryl DeMott, LMSW
Michele Horton, MSW
Vicki Williams, MSW
Amy Gasser, BSW
Steven Pharris, LMSW
Frances Mazzaferro, LMSW
Julia Axley, BSW

STAFF PRESENT: James A. Hill, Board Administrator
Elizabeth Miller, Director
Al Partee, General Counsel
Ashley Carter
Christopher Larkin, Advisory Attorney
Barbara S. Maxwell, Administrative Director

Ms. Housteau, chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. All members were present.

Mr. Partee addressed the Board introducing Ashley Carter. Mr. Partee said Ms. Carter will be the deputy attorney for the Nursing Board.

Conflict of Interest

Mr. Larkin reviewed the conflict of interest asking Board members to disclose prior knowledge of all matters coming before the board to determine if there is a conflict.

Applicant Interviews

The Board reviewed the LCSW application of **Jill Fields** who applied for licensure in 2008 and was required to obtain one additional year of supervision which she completed. Mr. Pharris made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sams, to approve Ms. Fields to sit for the ASWB clinical examination. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the LCSW application of **Dawn Puster** who applied for licensure in 2006, failed the exam, and reapplied for licensure this year. Upon reapplying Ms. Puster was unable to contact her supervisor to obtain her supervision logs and asked if the logs she submitted in 2006 could be used. Ms. Esposito made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pharris, to allow Ms. Puster to use her 2006 logs and approve her to sit for the AWB clinical examination. The motion carried.

Minutes

Ms. Horton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Williams, to approve the February 12, 2009 Board meeting minutes as corrected. The motion carried.

OGC Report

Mr. Larkin said rule amendments related to T.C.A. §63-23-101 et. seq. are being reviewed and the language regarding disciplinary actions is being revised. The rules will be presented at the August 6-7, 2009 Board meeting.

Two (2) open disciplinary cases are being prepared for litigation.

Language for the policy statement regarding criminal background checks will be discussed later in the meeting.

Agreed Citations

Mr. Hill presented four (4) agreed citations for practitioners who did not obtain the required continuing education hours for the 2006/2007 audit.

Ms. Horton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pharris, to accept the Agreed Citations for **Thomas E. Edwards, Allen Golston, Kevin Nybakken** and **Mary Radpour**. The motion carried.

Financial Report

The Board had a balance of \$35,371.44 on June 30, 2008.

Administrative Report

There are currently 1890 actively licensed LMSW's. There are currently 1981 actively licensed LCSW's.

From October, November and December 2008, nine (9) LMSW's were audited for compliance with continuing education requirements. Six (6) were compliant and three (3) were non-compliant.

From October, November and December 2008, ten (10) LCSW's were audited for compliance with continuing education requirements. Seven (7) were compliant and three (3) were non-compliant.

The Board asked Mr. Hill to put in the newsletter that CMSW's should retire their licenses upon obtaining LMSW or LCSW licensure.

Criminal Background Check's

Mr. Larkin asked the Board to consider using a name and social security number check for criminal background checks when the fingerprint method is unreadable after two attempts.

Ms. Horton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Williams, to use the alternative means for criminal background checks after two unsuccessful fingerprint attempts. The motion carried.

Correspondence

Briana Pitt, CMSW, requested that her 2008 continuing education requirement be waived because she is living out of the country. Mr. Pharris made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sams, to deny Ms. Pitt's request and inform her that the continuing education courses can be obtained on the internet. The motion carried.

Investigative Report

There are currently five (5) open complaints against LCSW's and six (6) against CMSW's.

Disciplinary Report

Ms. Stone is currently monitoring three (5) practitioners for compliance.

One (1) CMSW and three (3) LCSW's have their licenses revoked.

New Licenses

Mr. Pharris made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sams, to approve the following clinical social workers and licensed master social workers for licensure:

LCSW

Sharon Allen
Brenda Canady

**Jamie Codispoti
Tonya Comer
Chad Duncan
Rodney Ellis
Adrienne Ewing-Roush
Shannon Franks
Kara Gross
Nikole Hamilton
Larry Henderson
Cynthia Hernanz
William Swan Hover
Lindsay Hutchinson
Karen Ijams
Lorri Key
Lynn Kinney
Angelia Lenschau
Doreen Leo-Huneke
Lakesha Malone
Aimee Miller
Sarah Mort
Kristy Roll
Luann Sines
Laura Taylor
Laura Tedesco
Deborah Underwood
David Vernola**

LMSW

**Oreoluwa Abidakin
Marli Adams
Eric Andrews
John Arredondo
Pantea Bagheri
Angela Bechtel
William Beckham
Crystal Biggs
Merla Bouchillon
Jessica Bradley
Lywanda Bright
Kathy Brown
Chundra Harris
Debra Grady
Charity Collier
Carolyn Cosnotti
Lois Cox**

**Sybil Curry
Shelley Dodson
Sandra Dunaway
Betsey Ferreira
Linda Gaddie
April Garner
Steven Grindstaff
Allison Hogancamp
Adrienne Holden
Kevin Hosey
Elizabeth Hovanec
Mark Jensen
Freda Johnson
Vanessa Kelley
Cynthis Klump
Lorin Lefkowitz
Angel Marino
Nicole McGee
Ciara McGinnis
Okneco McTier
Kathleen Mishler
Donna Mitchell
Julie Moua
Katherine Osgard
Katherine Patrick
Errin Pheiffer
Tamara Scott
Mary Anne Severino
Michelle Sherrill
Sara Shular
Barbara Smyth
Lavie Turner
Leviticus Turner
Christi Gerlach
Timothy Voigt
Angela Williams
Lori Wilson**

The motion carried.

Review Applications

Ms. Horton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Esposito, to approve the following LCSW's to sit for the ASWB clinical exam:

Rebecca Barger

Katie Barkley
Angela Bennett
Bobb Bewindi
Darrell Boyd
Lottie Brown
Amanda Buchanan
Rebecca Byrd
Cara Chaney
Jennifer Holtsclaw
Kimberly Huff
Alicia Hutt
Barbara Johnson
Bruce Johnson
Anne Little
Gambill Maribeth
Autum Maxwell
Michelle McGruder
Amanda Puritt
Octavio Ramirez
Jennifer Sauvie
Diane Schmidt
Shelia Smith
Kristina Swanson
Emily Teague
William Thompson
Anna VanEaton
Dina Walker
Janisca Williams
Katherine Wooten

The motion carried.

Ms. Horton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Esposito, to approve the following applications for LMSW licensure:

Pamela Calimlim
Bonnie Riley
Ruthann Roberts
Lizabeth Wheeler

The motion carried.

Ms. DeMott made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gasser, to deny **Christopher Russell's** application for licensure as an LMSW because he did not provide additional information as requested. Ms. Williams abstained. The motion carried.

Mr. Pharris made a motion, seconded by Ms. Esposito, to deny **Jeffrey Samuel's** application for licensure as an LMSW based on criminal convictions. The motion carried.

Ms. Gasser made a motion, seconded by Ms. Esposito, to approve the application of **Jamie Ragan**, for licensure as an LMSW. The motion carried.

Ms. Williams made a motion, seconded by Ms. DeMott, to approve the application of **Eva Bibbs**, for licensure as an LMSW. The motion carried.

Ms. DeMott made a motion, seconded by Ms. Horton, to request that **Lisa Skinner**, LMSW applicant, attend the next board meeting to provide additional information and a copy of her 1099's and W2's. The motion carried.

Mr. Pharris made a motion, seconded by Ms. Axley, to deny **Robert Wymss's** application for licensure as an LMSW based on criminal convictions. The motion carried.

Reinstated Licenses

Mr. Pharris made a motion, seconded by Ms. Williams, to approve the reinstated licenses for the following practitioners:

Teddy Booth, II
Brenda Collins
Christine Dawkins
Amber Lewis

The motion carried.

Closed Files

Ms. Horton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gasser, to ratify the closed files for the following applicants:

Roxie Moore
Meghan Buckner

The motion carried.

Other Board Business

The Board discussed requiring a criminal background check with reinstatement applications. Mr. Larkin stated it would require a vote by the Board members. Ms. Sams made a motion, seconded by Ms. Horton, to require for reinstatement of all licenses, inactive for two (2) or more years, a current photograph and criminal background check to be filed with the reinstatement application. The motion carried.

With no other business to conduct, Mr. Pharris made a motion, seconded by Ms. Williams, to adjourn at 12:35 p.m. The motion carried.

Adopted by the Board of Social Worker Licensure on this the 6th day of August 2009.